[President]

procedure, even in respect of Houses so disparate as the House of Lords and the House of Commons, for joint meetings of both the Houses ; that is within parliamentary practice, although, on account of the unwieldiness of the Houses of Parliament, on account of the architectural deficiency of the Westminster Hall, such a joint meeting has not often happened.

Apart from the architectural deficiency in London there is authority for a Joint Session of the two Houses being held. I would invite the attention of the honourable members to pages 603 and 604 of Erskine May's "Parliamentary Practice." It is stated there——

> "Such addresses are presented either by both Houses in a body, or by two peers and four members of the House of Commons ; and they have been presented also by committees of both Houses ; by a joint committee of Lords and Commons..... ..
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> The subjects upon which addresses are presented are too varied to admit of enumeration. They have comprised every matter of foreign or domestic policy ; the administration of justice, the confidence of Parliament in the ministers of the Crown.....In short, representations upon all points connected with the government and welfare of the country ;.....

The only exception is.....

> ".....they ought not to be presented in relation to any bill depending in either House of Parliament."

In other words, if a bill has already been introduced in a House it is considered a trespass upon its jurisdiction to have a joint address ; subject to that, a joint meeting is possible.

And, there are many conveniences attending upon a joint meeting. I trust honourable members will have no objection to make history ; because, we are going to have it for the first time in India.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : We are not anxious to discuss the details of the Report now ; we only want the matter to be disposed of expeditiously.

President : It is for that, that we are thinking of a joint session.

I take it that the House agrees to that course,

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : I beg to move that the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit and Appropriation Accounts of 1113, may be taken up for consideration.

As no motion had been given notice of, the President called upon Mr. Ananthasiva Aiyar to move his motion for adjournment of the House.

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